

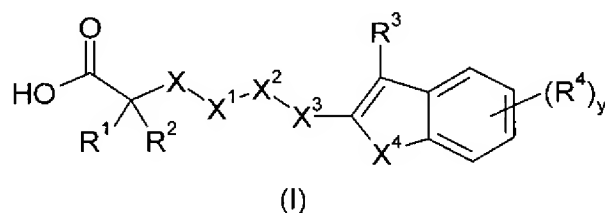
Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

What is claimed is:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or hydrolysable ester thereof,

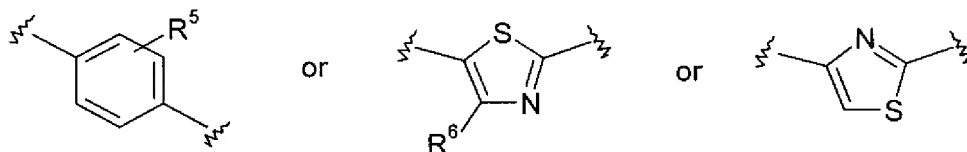


wherein:

R^1 and R^2 independently represent H or C_{1-3} alkyl;

X represents O, CH_2 , or a bond (~~i.e. is absent~~);

X^1 represents:



wherein R^5 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, halogen, $-OC_{1-3}$ alkyl, or CF_3 ;

R^6 represents C_{1-3} alkyl or H;

X^2 is O or S;

X^3 is $-(CH_2)_n - CH(R^7)-$ or $-CH_2 - CH = CH-$;

wherein n is 0, 1 or 2; R^7 represents H or C_{1-6} alkyl, and the alkyl chain being optionally interrupted by one or more O atoms;

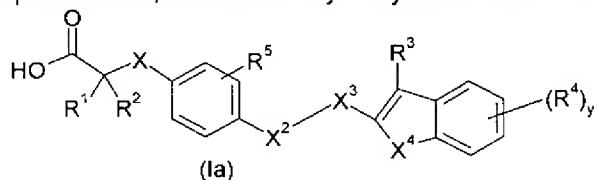
X^4 is S or O;

R^3 represents H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^4 represents H, CF_3 , C_{1-6} alkyl, halogen, or $-OC_{1-3}$ alkyl;

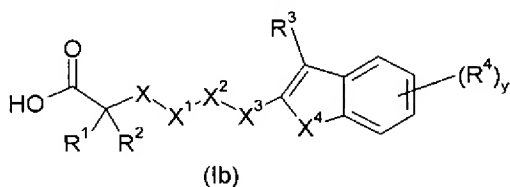
y is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A compound of Formula (Ia) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrolysable ester thereof:

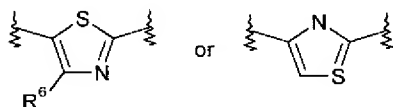


wherein X represents O, CH₂, or a bond (~~ie is absent~~), and R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, X² and X³ and y are as defined in claim 1.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A compound of Formula (Ib) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrolysable ester thereof:



wherein X¹ represents:



wherein X is a bond (~~ie is absent~~), and X², X³, X⁴, R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁶ are as defined in claim 1.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 ~~claims 1—3~~ wherein each R¹ and R² is independently H or methyl.

Claim 5 (Original): A compound according to claim 4 wherein R¹ and R² are both H or both methyl.

Claim 6 (Original): A compound according to claim 5 wherein R¹ and R² are both H.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 —6 wherein X² is O or S.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 ~~claims 1–7~~ wherein X^3 is $-(CH_2)_n-CH(R^7)$ wherein n is 0, 1, or 2 and R^7 is C_{1-4} alkyl, (methyloxy)ethyl propyloxy or H.

Claim 9 (Original): A compound according to claim 8 wherein n is 1 or 2.

Claim 10 (Original): A compound according to claim 9 wherein n is 2.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 ~~claims 1–40~~ wherein R^3 is CH_3 or H.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 ~~claims 1–44~~ wherein y is 0 or 1.

Claim 13 (Original): A compound according to claim 12 wherein y is 1.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 ~~claims 1–43~~ wherein R^4 is CH_3 , CF_3 , OCH_3 or halogen.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 ~~claim 1–44~~ selected from:

[(4-{{3-(5-Bromo-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)propyl}thio}-2-methylphenyl)oxy]acetic acid

[(4-{{3-(6-Bromo-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)propyl}thio}-2-methylphenyl)oxy]acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-{{3-[3-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio}phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Ethyl-4-{{3-[3-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio}phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[4-{{3-[3-Ethyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio}-2-methylphenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Ethyl-4-({3-[3-ethyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({3-[6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Ethyl-4-({3-[6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-(Trifluoromethyl)-4-({3-[6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Ethyl-4-({3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

2-Methyl-2-{[2-methyl-4-({3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}propanoic acid

{[4-({3-[3-Methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}thio)-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({(2E)-3-[3-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]-2-propen-1-yl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

2-[(4-({3-[6-Bromo-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}oxy)-2-methylphenyl)oxy]-2-methylpropanoic acid

2-Methyl-2-{[2-methyl-4-({3-[3-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]oxy}propanoic acid

2-Methyl-2-{[2-methyl-4-({3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]oxy}propanoic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({3-[6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-(Trifluoromethyl)-4-({3-[6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({3-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({3-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Ethyl-4-({3-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]hexyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[4-Methyl-2-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]hexyl}thio)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]hexyl}oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Ethyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]hexyl}oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[4-Methyl-2-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}thio)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

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[4-({[3-[3-Methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl]oxy)phenyl]acetic acid

3-[4-({[3-[3-Methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl]oxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

[3-Chloro-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl]oxy)phenyl]acetic acid

[3-(Methyloxy)-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl]oxy)phenyl]acetic acid

3-[3-(Methyloxy)-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl]oxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

[2-({[3-[3-Methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl]thio)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]acetic acid

[(4-{{[3-(6-Fluoro-1-benzothien-2-yl)heptyl]oxy}}-2-methylphenyl)oxy]acetic acid

[(4-{{[3-(6-Fluoro-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)heptyl]oxy}}-2-methylphenyl)oxy]acetic acid

{[4-({[3-[3-Ethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl]oxy)-2-methylphenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[(4-({[3-(5-Fluoro-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)heptyl]oxy)-2-methylphenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[(4-({[3-(6-Fluoro-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)heptyl]thio)-2-methylphenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl]thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

(2-({[3-(3,6-Dimethyl-1-benzofuran-2-yl)heptyl]thio)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)acetic acid

[(4-({[3-(3,6-Dimethyl-1-benzofuran-2-yl)heptyl]oxy)-2-methylphenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[(4-({[3-(3,6-Dimethyl-1-benzofuran-2-yl)heptyl]thio)-2-methylphenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[4-Methyl-2-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzofuran-2-yl]heptyl]thio)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzofuran-2-yl]heptyl]oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzofuran-2-yl]heptyl]thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[4-Methyl-2-({5-(methyloxy)-3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]pentyl]thio)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({5-(methyloxy)-3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]pentyl]thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({5-(methyloxy)-3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]pentyl]oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

{[2-Ethyl-4-({5-(methyloxy)-3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]pentyl]oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[(2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]-3-(propyloxy)propyl]thio)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[(2-Methyl-4-({[3-[3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1-benzothien-2-yl]-3-(propyloxy)propyl]oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[2-({3-[3-Methyl-6-(methyloxy)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}thio)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]acetic acid

{[2-Methyl-4-({3-[3-methyl-6-(methyloxy)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}oxy)phenyl]oxy}acetic acid

[4-({3-[3-Methyl-6-(methyloxy)-1-benzothien-2-yl]heptyl}oxy)-3-(methyloxy)phenyl]acetic acid

Claim 16 (Cancelled):

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 ~~claims 1—16~~.

Claims 18-19 (Cancelled):

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method of treating a hPPAR mediated disease or condition in a patient comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 ~~claims 1—16~~.

Claim 21 (Original): A method according to claim 20 wherein the hPPAR mediated disease or condition is dyslipidemia, syndrome X, heart failure, hypercholesteremia, cardiovascular disease, type II diabetes mellitus, type I diabetes, insulin resistance, hyperlipidemia, obesity, anorexia bulimia and anorexia nervosa.

Claim 22 (New): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 15.

Claim 23 (New): A method of treating a hPPAR mediated disease or condition in a patient comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 15.

Claim 24 (New): A method according to claim 23 wherein the hPPAR mediated disease or condition is dyslipidemia, syndrome X, heart failure, hypercholesteremia, cardiovascular disease, type II diabetes mellitus, type I diabetes, insulin resistance, hyperlipidemia, obesity, anorexia bulimia and anorexia nervosa.